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CURIOUS CUSTOMS AND FORMS OF CEREMONY.—II

Many forms of mutilation have been practiced, as symbolical of conquest. Thus the Chichimecs scalped their prisoners alive. Those captives who survived the separation from their scalps became slaves, and were easily recognized as such by their peculiar baldness. The reason why the Chinese wear their hair in pig-tails is a curious one. The practice is akin to that of scalping captives, and probably is an outgrowth of it. The direct cause of the custom among the Chinese was the conquest of China by the Tartars. The conquerors required the Chinese to shave the front of the head, and wear the hair in a cue, as a sign of submission. Hence the national custom. Mutilation is sometimes a mark of domestic subordination. Among the Australians the last joint of the little finger of females is cut off, and the number of husbands whom a Hottentot woman has enjoyed may be known by the absence of a corresponding number of finger joints. Out of the practice of extracting the teeth of captives grew up in New South Wales a curious propitiatory ceremony to the spirits of the dead. The extraction of teeth is a sacrament performed by priests. Thus a semi-domesticated native Australian has been heard to say: "I must go away for a few days and get my teeth knocked out, as I am full grown, and it is high time."

A strange social custom of gift-making occurs in Bootan, where no intercourse of any kind takes place without the presentation of a silk scarf. People exchange scarfs on meeting. No letter is sent without a scarf being enclosed in the packet. The practice of bowing which obtains in all civilized nations is the remains of the savage custom of expressing submission by prostration in the dust. Thus the gentleman's bow and the behavior of the little dog which throws itself on its back in the presence of a big one, have something in common. Absolute prostration is the primary form of obeisance expressive of submission, and from this the modern bend of the head has by gradual stages been evolved. Livingstone says of the salutation of the Batoka tribe in Africa: "They throw themselves on their backs on the ground and roll from side to side, slapping the outside of their thighs in expression of thankfulness and welcome." When the Boryhoo man addresses the king, he stretches himself on the earth as flat as a flounder. In Java an inferior must "walk with his hands upon his heels until he is out of his superior's sight." In Loango the subjection of women is carried to such an extent that a wife dare not speak to her husband except on her knees. In Dahomey the highest officers must be upon their backs before the king, etiquette, however, permitting them to at times roll over upon their bellies or to stand upon "all fours." Constant genuflection makes the knees of a Dahoman as hard as his heels. In Japan officers walk backward on their knees in retiring from the imperial presence.

Under the rule of an arbitrary despot it is not enough for the subject to display submission; he must feign pleasure in his subjugation. Hence arose the custom of kissing the hand or the garments of the ruler. This practice has gone so far as the kissing of the footprints of a conqueror's horse. An extension of it is licking the feet. The wife of a Malagasy chief is described as crawling on her hands and knees to her husband's feet and then licking them. In all Malagasy women are expected to do the same to their husbands. Kissing the Pope's toe, in recognition of his militancy, is a ceremonial observance still in fashion.

Joining the hands as a sign of humility and submission has its genesis in the custom of binding the hands of prisoners. This attitude of the hands is also expressive of supplication, as in prayer, for instance. From the practice of rendering prisoners powerless by the binding of the wrists together, grew the voluntary joining of hands as an indication of submission

to the will of the conqueror. The Chinese have a curious custom of binding together the wrists of an infant the third day after birth, the bandage not being removed until the child is fourteen days old. Their notion is that the ceremony will give a docile spirit to the child. The custom of lifting the hat as a form of salutation has a like origin. It is now an act of voluntary homage which men pay to women, and sometimes to each other, or to their superiors in rank or station. It originated in the practice of the conqueror's taking from the vanquished his weapons, and his clothing also, if the latter were worth the taking. It was the custom of all ancient peoples to strip their captives. Hence it became the custom for the captive to voluntarily offer to his victor his weapons and his clothing. Out of this in time grew the complimentary observance to which we have referred. Thus women may only come unclothed into the presence of the Sultan of Melie, and at the court of Uganda, in Africa, stark-naked women are the servants. The Tahitians uncover the body to the waist in the presence of the king. On the Gold Coast the natives bare the shoulders as equivalent to the ceremony of unhatting among Europeans. And uncloaking in Spain is like taking off the hat in England. So, then, it appears that touching the hat is a remnant of that primitive custom of unclothing himself by which the captive expressed the surrender of his body and possessions.

There are many forms of address in use among other nations which seem very strange in this. Thus a polite salutation to a lady in Spain is "I kiss your feet." To which courtesy obliges the fair one to reply "I kiss your hand." A propitiatory address among certain cannibal tribes is "I, your food, am here." Flattery is carried to a ludicrous extreme among some peoples, as in China, where on an ordinary card of invitation the usual compliment is: "To what an elevation of splendor will your presence assist us to rise." No matter how simple a commonplace the King of Delhi may utter, his courtiers hold up their hands and exclaim: "Wonder, wonder!" Queer to us seems that greeting familiar to an Oriental people: "How do you perspire?" and comic the morning salutation on the banks of the Orinoco, which, according to Humboldt, is "How have the mosquitoes used you?" The extremes of adulation and humility can no further go than in China, where the prescribed form for asking another's name is: "May I presume to ask your noble surname and your eminent name?"

Titles are often very expressive. Shaddai, the Hebrew name for God, means "the Violent One." Some of the Zulu king's titles are: "The Noble Elephant," "You Mountain," "You Tiger," etc. The wife of a Kaffir chief is called "the Elephantess." The Grand Lama, the ruler of the Tartars, is known as "God, the Father," and the king of Madagascar is called "God." Spencer states that the words which in various languages answer to our word "God" are originally descriptive words, and though ghost and God have with us widely different meanings, yet they were originally equivalent words; or rather originally, there is but one word for a supernatural being. This will be startling information to many people. To close this paragraph with the strangest fact of all, we may mention that according to Bancroft's "Native Races," there is a tribe on the Pacific Coast among whom the title of father is held in as much honor that until a young man has children he is known by way of compliment as "the father of his dog."

Class distinctions present many curious examples. In India the inferior must never sit on a higher seat than the superior, and therefore a Rajah could not use an English carriage presented to him, because the driver's seat was the highest in the vehicle. Wealth and rank are indicated among the Hottentots by the quantity of grease upon the skin, every one's importance being measured by the amount and the delicacy of the butter or fat upon his body and apparel. A trace of the same practice remains among some civilized nations in which the sovereign is anointed on his accession to the throne. From India to Abyssinia the umbrella is the sign of royalty. The king of Siam has a seven-storied umbrella. In Java a man's rank is known by the color of his umbrella. The use of the mosquito curtain is sacred to royalty

among the Joloffs. In some tribes of Africa fatness is the test of social position, and fattening is the first duty of female fashionable life.

Fashion originally took its origin from the servile imitation of the superior by the inferior. This form of fashion is carried to great lengths among uncivilized races under despotic personal government, the tyrannical ruler particularly enforcing the imitation of his defects. Thus in Fiji, when a chief walking at the head of a long string of his people, accidentally fell down, all the rest fell down likewise, except one, who was instantly beaten for presuming to be more sure-footed than the chief. If the sultan of Darfur, in Africa, happens to fall off his horse, all his followers must fall off also. The neglect of this formality is punished by severe beating. An illustration of the same sort of thing was seen in France when Louis XIV was operated on for fistula. The royal infirmity at once became fashionable, and courtiers were operated on to gain the sympathy of the king. To-day we all wear neckties because a monarch once set the fashion by wearing a scarf to hide a scrofulous neck.

Now for some examples of ceremonial rigor to close with. If a Fiji chief thinks a subject does not stoop low enough before him, he delicately hints his displeasure by killing the offender on the spot. This has a tendency to preserve a high standard of politeness in the Fiji court. The life of a subject is nothing to an African potentate. Speke gave a rifle to the king of Uganda. A page, directed to try the weapon, went to the door and shot at a man in the distance, bringing him down, to the great satisfaction of the king. In the same interesting kingdom, an officer who accidentally exposes an inch of naked leg while squatting, is taught the necessity for more strict ceremonial observance by prompt execution. The penalty for minor offences is the loss of a few fingers. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that in the reign of the last Uganda king, five days were consumed in cutting up thirty thousand prisoners of war who had surrendered.

SHALL THE HORSE GO UNSHOD?

The Popular Science Monthly recently printed an article by Sir George W. Cox, advocating the abolition of horse-shoeing; the writer claiming that all horses, everywhere and under any circumstances, would be better off without shoes than with them. The article describes the many forms of injury done to the horse's foot by shoeing; and because of these evils argues for the abandonment of the practice, taking the ground that the hoofs of the horse need no artificial protection, and that therefore shoeing is entirely useless. The Record-Union has embraced the views of Sir George. We think Sir George and the Record-Union are wrong. All intelligent horsemen know that shoeing is more or less injurious to the horse's foot. But while they admit this, the great majority of them have learned from experience that it is a necessary evil. In Nevada shoeing is absolutely necessary for animals employed in heavy draught work upon our hard roads. A horse in one of our heavy freight teams will finish in ten miles after losing a shoe. Unshod horses, worked from Madeline Plains to Reno, a distance of 140 miles, have had their feet worn down to the quick on the journey. We had occasion last summer to comment on the shameful cruelty of a man who was working an unshod horse before a heavy freight wagon. The animal's feet were in a frightful condition; bleeding in a number of places where the horn had worn away or been broken off. Every step was agony to the poor beast.

Saddle horses, and horses used for carriage work, may be allowed to go unshod with impunity, but only when they have little work to do. To shoe or not to shoe is a choice of two evils, and the horse-owner will usually find that of the two shoeing is the less. The arguments of our esteemed Sacramento contemporary are of the kind not drawn from experience. It seems a good enough argument against shoeing to say that Nature knew what she was about when she made the horse and gave him feet good enough to walk on, etc., but even on a priori grounds the argument is weak. Fossil skeletons of the horse show remarkable changes in the structure of the animal's feet, in succeeding stages of the animal's evolution. The horse of to-day is descended from the five-toed

horse of an earlier age. The foot of the animal gradually underwent a transformation, aborting a toe in each geological age or so; and finally, through its five-toed, four-toed, three-toed, and two-toed stages, it has become as it is to-day. And the hoof of the horse must still be changing, as the domesticated animal has feet unsuited to the work they are required to perform. But let us "look at the horse in a state of nature," say as he has existed for the past few thousand years, and see if his hoofs are fitted to go unshod. We find him feeding where the tallest and the tenderest grasses grow, and that is where the soil is soft and moist. He does not need to travel more than a few miles a day to satisfy his hunger, and that travel is over ground that wears his hoofs but slightly. The moisture of the earth keeps the hoofs soft and springy. The horn is soft and does not crack, and the constant moisture on the coronet stimulates the growth of horn. In such a state of existence the horse will be obliged to take long gallops occasionally to wear out his hoofs to an extent proportionate to the growth of horn. But now remove the animal to a stable. He stands upon a hard, dry floor. Taken out and harnessed, he travels over a road hard as rock and dry as gunpowder. The natural moisture of his hoof evaporates, the horn becomes brittle and chips off. The coronet (the horn-secreting structure at the junction of the hair and hoof) dries up, and little horn is produced. Constant work wears away the sole until the quick is exposed; pieces of the outer wall break off, from direct contact of the hoof with the hard ground, uncovering more sensitive laminae, and the horse becomes dead lame and unfit for work. The conditions governing the state of the horse's feet are exactly reversed between the horse on the road and the horse in the pasture.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

At last accounts the prosecution was still submitting evidence in the trial of Kallach for the murder of DeYoung. A number of eye witnesses have testified in the most positive manner to the facts of the shooting, that Kallach entered the Chronicle office and deliberately fired five shots at DeYoung; that DeYoung made no attempt to draw a pistol until he was fired at, and that DeYoung did not fire. The case looks strong against Kallach, so far. A sheath knife was found in its case under DeYoung's vest after his death, but he made no attempt to use it.

The Asylum bill was to-day signed by the Governor. This sets the vexed question at rest. Preparations will at once be made for the erection of an asylum on the State grounds here.

W. H. Smith, of the Belcher, and Frank Osbiston drove down from Virginia this morning. Taking a fresh team, they continued their journey to Pyramid.

The Governor and most of the Senators were pledged against a change in the bullion tax. We hope to see them stand firm.

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The "Virginia Express" leaves Reno every morning at 8:30, arriving in Carson at 11:30, and in Virginia at 12:30. The "Local Passenger," No. 3, leaves Reno at 8:15 every morning, arriving in Carson at 10:30, and in Virginia at 11:30. The "Local Passenger," No. 5, leaves Reno daily at 1:30 p. m., arriving in Carson at 4 p. m., and in Virginia at 5:30 p. m.

ARRIVALS.
Returning, the "Virginia Express" leaves Virginia at 5:30 p. m., arriving in Carson at 8:30, and in Reno at 9:30. The "Local Passenger," No. 4, leaves Virginia at 8 a. m., arriving in Carson at 9:30, and in Reno at 10:30. The "Local Passenger," No. 6, leaves Virginia at 2 p. m., arriving in Carson at 4:30, and in Reno at 5:30.

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Native Camels in Nevada.

The Enterprise is informed that the Frenchman who owns the herd of camels ranging to the eastward in the valleys bordering the Carson river will utilize his "ships of the desert" this summer in carrying goods from the terminus of the Carson and Colorado Railroad into camps out in the wilderness. The camels now number about forty, all but two or three of which are natives of Nevada. In our deserts these animals find grasses and bitter and prickly shrubs and plants suited to their taste, and probably the same or varieties of the same plants that grow in other desert regions of the earth. It is less trouble, and costs much less, to grow camels in Nevada than to rear cattle in the Atlantic States.

Good Reading.

The Weekly GAZETTE issued to-day contains thirty-eight columns of reading matter, giving all the local, and important general news of the week. The GAZETTE aims to publish not so much what people ought to read, but what they like to read, and its republished matter is of a character to interest everybody, while conforming to a high standard of literary excellence. Hence it is, in addition to lively editorial and local comment, that the GAZETTE is pronounced the best Weekly of its size on the coast.

Losses in Clover Valley.

The Nevada Land and Live Stock Company's dams in Clover Valley above Winnemucca, were washed out in the late storm. The dams cost \$35,000, according to the Silver State. The Company had expended considerable money in reclaiming desert lands, and they intended to raise large quantities of alfalfa, by irrigating. The damage will probably exceed the original cost of the dams, as it may be impossible to replace them in time to utilize the water for irrigating purposes next summer. Alvaro Evans owns a large part of the Valley.

District Court Notes.

The famous suit, brought by H. M. Jamison to get metallic compensation for physical injuries inflicted by A. C. McFarlin's dog, has been again before the District Court. The plaintiff's motion for a new trial was argued and submitted yesterday. Judge King, who probably has never been bitten by a dog, denied the motion. It looks as though Jamison must get satisfaction out of the dog's hide.

A new suit was commenced to-day—D. H. Haskell vs. L. Wintermantel.

A full jury was impaneled this morning in the case of John Benner, and the case was formally opened this afternoon. He is charged with stealing Alvaro Evans' sheep.

The Theater To-night.

The Reno Dramatic Club have given most thorough rehearsals to "Above the Clouds," and have provided all needed costumes, wigs, etc., to present the drama at its best. The Amateur Quadrille Band is the orchestra for the occasion, and will discourse first-rate music and plenty of it. The members of the Club are general favorites, and a full house is assured. The proceeds will be devoted to some worthy object.

A Fine Valley in Arizona.

Writing to Fred Teasland from Wilcox, Arizona, Thomas Forbes describes it as situated in a fine valley about a hundred miles long by thirty wide. All over the valley grass grows to a height of two or three feet. Antelope abound, a hundred having been seen in one herd. Forbes thinks that flowing wells can be had by boring, in which case the valley could be made very productive, as the soil is rich.

W. C. HAIGHT.

He Makes a Brief Stay in Reno on His Return Trip to Bodie.

W. C. Haight, of some notoriety in connection with the robbery of bullion from the Standard mine at Bodie, is in Reno under the fostering care of Sheriff Walker. He was brought here by detective Davis, of California, who found him in Connecticut. Haight and two other men were originally arrested on a charge of stealing the bullion. Haight promised to give State's evidence against the other two, and was released on his own recognizance. Borrowing the U. S. Marshal's fleet steed, he left Bodie abruptly and gave Davis the job of going all the way to the nutmeg State to capture him. Haight is held on a charge of stealing the Marshal's horse. Davis goes to Bodie with him to-morrow morning, where his evidence will be taken in the trial of the bullion thieves.

Haight was at one time a book-keeper in the employ of A. L. Bancroft & Co. at San Francisco. Subsequently he rented a little ranch at Bolinas Bay, and went into the poultry business. He obtained the means to stock the ranch by subscriptions mostly obtained from people who had no acquaintance with him, and who took his simple verbal promise to pay as their only security. He did not stay on the chicken ranch a long time. He had a plan for drugging turkey gobblers to keep them sitting on eggs. His idea was that the gobbler could cover three times as many eggs as a hen. An overdose of morphine killed all his gobblers, and left his promising chicks in a state of arrested development in the shell. Haight never lost confidence in himself, however, and after writing letters to his creditors in San Francisco, telling them that they need not fear their shirts from anxiety to get remittances, he left his stock of addled eggs, and took a little trip east. He came back again, and has since been engaged in other spheres of usefulness. The fellow is clever, has a good address, a fair education, and is well connected, claiming relationship to ex-Governor Haight of California.

Big Fire at Wells.

Says the Elko Independent of the 21st: "A fire broke out in the barber shop occupied by Richard Richardson—better known as Nigger Dick—at Wells, about 1 o'clock this morning, destroying all the business part of the town east from the fire-proof building of E. H. Griswold, embracing the length of about half of one square and the whole of another. The saloon of J. M. Surface, the store and restaurant of W. J. Van Namee and the brewery of F. T. Greenberg were among the properties destroyed. The fire-proof buildings of E. H. Griswold and Hamill & Meigs prevented the spread of the flames westward, saving all that portion of the town lying this side of them. Just how the fire originated we have not yet been able to learn."

Good Iron Ore Near Reno.

R. H. Leigh has shown a GAZETTE reporter a piece of iron ore taken from a deposit recently found by Frederick Brockhausen, of Red Rock. The deposit lies about 35 miles north of Reno, and 4 miles northeast of the line of the Nevada & Oregon Railroad. Wood and water are abundant in the vicinity. A specimen of the ore was sent to the Scientific American, which pronounced it hematite ore of excellent quality. There is said to be a large body of ore where the specimen was obtained.

The School Tax.

The election yesterday afternoon resulted as follows: For school tax, 190; against, 72; majority for tax, 118. This authorizes the County Commissioners to levy a special tax for the support of the public schools until the end of the term. The estimate is that \$2,500 will be required. The tax will be levied in April. The School Trustees say that they have carefully complied with all the provisions of the law, and that there can be no legal opposition to the tax.

The N. & O.

Dispatches received from New York this morning convey assurances that money will be forthcoming for the payment of the men who have been at work on the N. O. railroad. Negotiations are being concluded which will in a very short time enable Col. Moore to come on with the anxiously-expected coin. From all that can be learned, it appears that the road is all right here, and that Col. Moore and the coin are all right there. The road is bound to go ahead.

JOTTINGS.

—Brooklyn is assessed five cents.

—Genuine Boston Clam Chowder at Joe's to-morrow.

—J. D. Shaw is planting shade trees around his lot on Fifth street.

—The Ocean Spray Saloon and Mrs. Stopher's dwelling are for sale.

—A foot-bridge over the river, at the foot of West street, is talked of.

—The boys say that "Above the Clouds" is going to be "way up."

—Joe will receive a lot of fresh clams to-morrow morning from San Francisco.

—Jupiter, Venus and Saturn now make a remarkable triangle in the evening sky.

—The theatre will be well-filled this evening. At one o'clock 96 seats had been reserved.

—S. A. Hamlin had one of his feet badly hurt at Verdi, yesterday, by a heavy timber accidentally thrown upon it.

—Miss Blanche Leonard makes her debut in the theatre to-morrow night, as Mary Morrison in the beautiful play of "Dora."

—A new plank covering is being placed on the firecistern at the Virginia street railroad crossing. The old one was rotten and unsafe.

—The Grace Heslep Comedy Company will give a first-rate entertainment in the play of "Dora" to-morrow evening. The farce which follows "Dora" is very laughable.

—Two new carriages for Senator Fair went through to California last night on a freight train from the east. The Senator evidently intends to live on this coast a while longer.

—A marked odour of strong decay proceeds from a spot in the neighborhood of the big staircase on Virginia street. The proper official should scent it to its source, and remove the cause.

—The entertainment to be given next Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Episcopal Church, is now well in hand, and, as far as the programme itself is concerned, is bound to be a great success. The "Umbrella Brigade" composed of about a dozen of our boys, is going to be quite a treat. The girls of the "Pan Brigade" are doing remarkably well.

The Asylum Bill Signed.

Special to the GAZETTE.

CARSON, Feby. 24.

Gov. Kinkead signed the Asylum bill this morning. It goes into immediate effect.

Mining Stocks.

The following are morning Board quotations, showing little change: Ophir 4.80, Mexican 5 1/2, Gould & Curry 2.90, Savage 1.90, Hale & Norcross 3 1/2, Jacket 2 1/2, S. Nevada 6 1/2, Utah 7 1/2, Bullion 1, Union 7 1/2, Alta 2.35.

Personal.

Bishop Whitaker was in town yesterday.

G. W. Mapes got home from San Francisco this morning, and goes to his ranch with his family to-morrow.

Dentistry—Reduct on Prices.

Dr. W. D. Wagar will make upper or lower plates of vulcanite rubber sets of teeth for \$15 each. Extracting, per tooth, \$1. Office on Virginia Street, over John Sunderland's Reno, Nevada. nov8-1f

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I will sell cheap for cash or installments the fine lots lying between Bishop Whitaker's Seminary and Mount Hope Nurseries, Reno, Nevada. These are the finest building lots in the State. STEPHEN CONNER. 7-22

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Nothing is so conducive to a man's remaining a bachelor as stopping for one night at the house of a married friend and being kept awake for five or six hours by the crying of a cross baby. All cross and crying babies need only Hop Bitters to make them well and smiling. Young man, remember this.—Ed

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Fees of Doctors. The fee of doctors is an item that very many persons are interested in just at present. We believe the schedule for visits is \$3, which would tax a man confined to his bed for a year, and in need of a daily visit, over \$1,000 for medical attendance alone! And one single bottle of Hop Bitters taken in time would save the \$1,000 and all the year's sickness.—Ed.

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